we do not yet "examine," we do not place ourselves so far away as Is essential for one who "examines." "Examining needs at least a secret antagonism, that of an opposite point of view," It is said on page 46 of the above-named work itself, with an insidious, melancholy application that was perhaps understood by few.) The composure that gave me *tlc&foiucr* to speak after many Intervening years of solitude and abstinence, first came with the book, *Human, Ail-too Human,* to which this second preface and apologia * Is dedicated. As a book for " free spirits " It shows some trace of that almost cheerful and inquisitive coldness of the psychologist, who has *behind* him many painful things that he keeps *under* him, and moreover establishes them for himself and fixes them firmly as with a needle-point, Is it to be wondered at that at such sharp, ticklish work blood flows now and again, that Indeed the psychologist has blood on his fingers and not *only* on his fingers ?

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The *Miscellaneous Maxims and Opinions* were in the first place, like *The Wanderer and His Shadow,* published separately as continuations and appendices to the above-mentioned human, ail-too human *Book for Free Spirits:* and at the same time, as a continuation and confirmation of an Intellectual cure, consisting in a course of anti-romantic self-treatment, such as my Instinct, which had always remained

* " Foreword " and " forword " would be the literal rendering of" the play on words,—Tn.